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Appl. No. 09/447,301
Amtd. Dated July 13, 2007
Reply to Office Action of April 13, 2007

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 19 – 24. Applicants have amended these claims in order to place them into condition for immediate allowance. More specifically, Applicants have amended claims 19 – 22 into independent form, including all limitations from the base claim, and have amended the dependency of claims 23 - 24. Applicants note that several terms have been amended from the base claim solely to correct errors in the language. For example, signal charges are transferred to an accumulation region adjacent the accumulation gate, not to the accumulate gate itself.

Claims 1 – 18 have been canceled. Applicants reserve the right to further prosecute these claims in a continuation application filed before the issuance of the instant application.

Finally, Applicants have added new claims 25 – 27 directed to a method of driving the apparatus of allowed claims 19 – 24. Applicants submit that these claims are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as claims 19 – 24.

In light of the forgoing, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for immediate allowance, and respectfully request notice thereof be sent.

In the event that it is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3891.

Respectfully submitted,

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